

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas January 4, 1892
Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll

Lead

Minutes

Lewis Morris to

Sewers.

East 6th street
for widening sidewalk.

Street Committee.

Geo. Stranahan

Same will be demanded.

Police
for
fire alarm system

Roll call: Present— Aldermen Anderson, Amoniau, Glass, Graham, Irene, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton & Kitchell, North, Platt, Schneider, Shubert, Shelley, Tolton, Townsend, Warmath, Heyerman
Absent— 22.

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council, which was held on the 21st day of December, 1891, were, on motion, adopted as printed.

Petitions, Memorials, etc.

By the Mayor: A communication from the Lewis-Morran Construction Company of New York, proposing to construct a system of sanitary sewers in this city.

It was referred to the committee on sanitation and sewerage without being read.

By Alderman Platt: A proposal from the owners of property, fronting on East Sixth Street, agreeing to donate to the city an acre of land fronting on said street not exceeding ten feet in width on condition that the said street is widened to a uniform width of 80 feet, and opened up by the city within six months from November 6th, 1891. The City to leave it in same condition as found.

It was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Platt: A petition from George Stranahan requesting the removal of the Rapid Transit Railroad track from his side-walk, corner of East 7th and Atayae Streets, to the center of the street.

Referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Morris: A proposal from the Gamewell Alarm Telegraph Company, agreeing to furnish and keep in complete working order in the city, their system of Automatic Fire Alarm Telegraph, and offer a supplemental proposal concerning the same. They were read and referred to the fire committee.

By Alderman Graham: A numerous signed petition of city tax-payers, asking the City Council to provide a "Fire Alarm System."

Referred to the Fire Committee.

Reports of City Officers for the month of December 1891.

By the City Clerk: A statement of warrants issued against the General Fund, total amount \$12,186.78

Referred to the Finance Committee.

" 11. 11. 1891
" 12. 12. 1891

Water, light, funds
\$ 2,346.40 By the City Clerk: A statement of warrants issued against the water and light funds total amount \$ 22,596.40.
Referred to the Finance committee.

Water, light interest fund
\$ 3.00. By the City Clerk: A statement of warrants issued against the water and light interest fund. Total amount \$ 5.00.
Referred to the Finance committee.

By the City Assessor and Collector:

collections made:
\$ 7,491.17

General revenue	\$ 4597.83
Water works interest and sinking funds.	1149.04
Interest on bonds issued prior to May 15, 1890	381.12
School tax	<u>1367.18</u>
Total	\$ 7,491.17

Referred to the Finance committee.

Report, City Marshal:

Fines amount \$ 605.00 By the City Marshal:
Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder's Court \$ 605.00
Collected in cash. 284.55.
Written out 205.00
Escaped 22.00
Carried forward Total 93.45
Back fines collected 605.00

Back fines, arrests etc.

Back fines collected	\$ 17.75
Forfeited fees collected	.75
Total number of arrests	

Referred to the police committee.

City Physician:

No. patients in the hospital December 1.	11
" admitted to hospital Dec.	18
" discharged from hospital during Dec.	10
" died in hospital during Dec.	2
" remaining in hospital Jan. 1, 1891.	17
" cases of diphtheria reported in Dec.	11
" visits made to paupers during Dec.	110
" prescriptions written for paupers during Dec.	142

Referred to the Hospital committee.

City Sexton:

Total number of deaths	28
White	22.
Colored	10.
Mexican	1.

Referred to the cemetery committee.

City Engineer:

By Chief Engineer, Trigell: Report of progress of work on the dam during December 1891.
Referred to the Water and Light committee.

City Engineer,
Superintendent of Streets:

By the City Engineer and Superintendent of Streets:
A report showing that the cost of the proposed street

Street crossings
each \$163.84

Crossings of limestone, four feet wide, will be
\$463.84.
Received and filed

City Treasurer:

By the City Treasurer - from November 30, 1891
to January 4, 1892.

General Fund

Balances November 30:

\$8,539.23

83.50

General Funds

City Cemetery

Receipts to January 4:

General Fund

Interest on bonds issued prior to May,

1. 1890.

City Cemetery

Total

7.037.89

431.53

~~\$16.46.00~~

\$16.138.15

Balances November 30.
\$16,138.15.

Disbursements
\$15,435.62

Balances January 4, 1892

Disbursements:

General Funds.

\$15,435.62

Balances January 4:

General Funds

123.50

City Cemetery Funds.

129.50

Interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890

431.53

\$16.138.15

Total

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from November 30, 1891 to January 4, 1892.

Water works and electric light Fund:

\$140.137.93

Balances November 30.

~~\$24.702.34~~

Disbursements to January 4.

\$115.435.69

Balance January 4.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from November 30, 1891, to January 4, 1892.

Water works and electric light interest Fund:

\$1,009.05

Balances November 30:

8149.14

Interest Funds

~~2814.53~~

Sinking Funds

11.992.72

Receipts to January 4.

\$5,000.00

Total.

Disbursements

Balances January 4:

72.72

Interest Funds.

~~69.92.00~~

Sinking Funds

11.992.72

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Reports of Committees.

By Alderman Name, for the Committee on Streets
to whom was referred the petition of the Parks

asking that he be allowed damages on Decr 7. in 1880 & 25. said damages having occurred by the building of the dam railroads
damages not allowed. The report recommends that no damages be allowed and it was adopted.

By Alderman Nunn, for the Committee on Streets, to whom was referred a petition of property owners and others on East Sixth Street asking that said street be opened to a uniform width of eighty feet, submitted report which recommends that said petition be granted, provided the property owners on both sides of said street donate to the City of Austin 10 feet on each side of said street to make the street the width as asked in said petition; and also remove all buildings and other obstructions on said ten feet, and except the city from all liability for damages or expense caused by removing buildings and obstructions, the city to grade and put the street in good condition for travel as soon as the foregoing conditions are complied with.

The report was adopted.

By Alderman Schneider, for the Fire Committee, to whom was referred the claim of Protection Nose Co. No. 3 for amount expended in finishing the building now occupied by said company, presented a majority report which is signed by Alderman Schneider and Asmann, recommending the payment of the claim. The report was laid over to be taken up with an ordinance to be introduced to provide for the payment of the claim.

By Alderman Schneider, for the Fire Committee, to whom was referred a resolution which was adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting the passage of an ordinance compelling all owners of cotton yards to employ a night watchman and furnish water for fire purposes near such yards, submitted a report stating, "that in their opinion the matter complained of is fully covered by existing ordinances."

The report was adopted.

By Alderman Shelley, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of D. P. Hatch asking that the amount paid by him for two horse spectacles incurred on Sept. 19, 1889, be refunded, submitted a report recommending that the petition be not granted.

The report was adopted.

By Alderman Worth, for the Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Art. 184, your ordinances with reference to reporting contagious diseases to the City Physician, presented

Committee on Streets

East Sixth Street
widening the same.

Fire Committee

Protection Nose Co. # 3
claim of

Fire Committee

Cotton yards to employ
watchman etc.

Committee on Claims

G. P. Hatch

.....
January 1, 1890

a report thereon stating that it is believed the parish in view is already covered by Article 268 of the penal ordinances, and recommending that said amendment do not pass.
The report purports

Committee on Ordinances

Street Commissioners
to employ laborers
in Jan'y & Feb'y.

Special Committee

Report on office of
resident Physician

Report on lease of
Hospital.

Conference with boomer's
on bridge

By Alderman Stark, for the Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the Mayor's message concerning work to be done upon the streets, offered a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized to employ additional labor for work on the streets of the city at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the months of January and February, A. D. 1892.
The resolution was adopted.

By Alderman Anderson, for the Special Committee appointed to ascertain and report upon the feasibility of abolishing the position of resident physician of the City and County Hospital, submitted a report recommending that the same be not abolished.
The report was adopted.

By Alderman Anderson, for the Special Committee to whom was referred the proposal to lease the City and County Hospital, offered a report thereon referring the same back to the Council with the recommendation that the same be taken up by the Council at the next regular meeting as a committee of the whole, and Drs. P. H. McLaughlin, A. D. Hooton, G. P. Tynor and T. J. Bennett be invited to come before the Council at said meeting.
The report was adopted.

By Alderman Morris, for the Special Committee appointed to confer with the County Commissioners County with reference to maintaining the bridge across the Colorado River and approaches thereto, including the bridge across Boulder's Creek, offered a report stating that the committee waited upon said court and that said court declined to co-operate with the City in maintaining such public improvements, a majority of one of the court voting adversely. The report recommends that no further action be taken on the subjects at this time and that the committee be discharged.
The report was adopted.

By Alderman Linn, for the Special Committee appointed to report an ordinance fixing salaries of officers and employees of the City of Austin for the next two years, presented their ordinance and a report, recommending the passage of the same. The report and ordinance were laid over to be taken up under the head of other business.

Unfinished Business.

Election.

Alderman Morris moved that the Council now proceed to elect such City officers as are yet to be elected. The motion prevailed, and Alderman Morris moved that the Council do now proceed to elect a resident physician of the Hospital.

The motion carried, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Stork, Jackson and Shelley tellers, and declared nominations to be in order.

Alderman Morris nominated Matt. M. Smith.

Alderman Schuler nominated Frank P. McDauglin.

Alderman Linn nominated Dr. Sheeton.

Nominations were declared closed, and ballots were cast and canvassed, and the result thereof was reported by the tellers as follows:

For resident Physician -

Matt. M. Smith received 14 votes.

Frank P. McDauglin received 3 votes.

Dr. Sheeton received 4 votes.

The Mayor then declared Matt. M. Smith duly elected resident physician of the City and County Hospital for the ensuing term.

Motion

Alderman Anderson moved that the Council now proceed to elect a matron of the City and County Hospital.

Adopted

The Mayor then declared nominations to be in order.

Alderman Anderson nominated Mrs. Alla Oden, and

Alderman Townsend nominated Mrs. Josephine Foster.

Alderman Kirschke moved that nominations be declared closed.

The motion prevailed, and ballots were cast and canvassed, and the tellers announced the result thereof as follows:

For Matron.

Mrs. Alla Oden received 11 votes.

Mrs. Josephine Foster received 11 votes.

The Mayor then voted for Mrs. Josephine Foster, and declared her duly elected matron of the City and County Hospital for the ensuing term.

Josephine Foster

Sergeant of Police.

Alderman Morris moved that the Council do now proceed to elect a sergeant of police, and the motion prevailed by the following vote.

Yea - Alderman Anderson, Alderman Glass, Kirschke, Miller, Morris, Sheeton, Schuler, Sulon.

Nay - Harratt, Weyermann, Ziller. - 14.

Tally - Alderman Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Kirschke, Stork, Platt, Shelley. - 8.

The following nominations were then made.

Nominations

By the Mayor, L. L. Palmer.
By Alderman Pitcher, N. Montgomery.
By Alderman Townsend, J. E. Kennerly.
By Alderman Duton, John Chemerville.
It was moved that nominations be closed.

Adopted.

Votes were then cast and canvassed and the result thereof announced as follows:

For Sergeant of Police-

L. C. Palmer received 10 votes.
N. Montgomery received 6 votes.
J. E. Kennerly received 4 votes.
John Chemerville received 2 votes.

The Mayor announced that there was no election and ordered that another ballot be cast which was done and the tellers announced the result thereof as follows:

L. C. Palmer received 8 votes.
N. Montgomery received 9 votes.
J. E. Kennerly received 4 votes.
John Chemerville received 1 vote.

Alderman Townsend then withdrew the name of J. E. Kennerly and Alderman Duton withdrew the name of John Chemerville.

The Mayor announced that there was no election and requested that another ballot be cast which was done and the tellers announced the result thereof as follows:

L. C. Palmer received 10 votes.
N. Montgomery received 12 votes.

The Mayor then declared N. Montgomery duly elected Sergeant of Police for the ensuing term.

N. Montgomery

Alderman Jackson excused, and the Mayor appointed

Alderman Anderson as a teller in his stead.

Alderman Jackson moved that the City Marshal be invited to submit to the Council the names of such persons as he deems elected policemen.

The motion prevailed and the Marshal presented the following list:

Neil McEachern
John Chemerville
D. Campbell
D. D. Platt
E. G. Lowell
C. S. Ohumba
O. N. Gibson
Sam Platt
John Kennerly
H. B. Davis
H. C. Gato
P. M. Bell
A. E. Jones
Louis Morris, (ad)

City Marshal.

List of policemen.

New Applicants

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D. A. J. Nowell
 Arch Borwin
 L. B. Lock
 John Bracken
 W. G. Madison (col.)
 Alvinay Brown (col.)
 John Todd
 Hale Phillips
 M. B. Allen

Nominations

Alderman Hinchke nominated Louis Maas.
 Alderman Morris nominated C. C. Palmer.
 Alderman Warmoth nominated N. G. Madison.

Order of electing

Alderman Morris moved that the persons receiving the highest number of votes, being a majority of all the votes cast be declared elected.

Adopted.

Alderman Hinchke moved that the person receiving the smallest number of votes be dropped after each ballot.

Carried.

Alderman Duton nominated John Meredith
 Nominations were then closed and ballots were cast and canvassed and the result thereof was reported by the tellers as follows:

Result of ballot

Neil McEachin	18
John Bohemerville	16
J. J. Campbell	16
J. D. Platt	14
E. J. Solwee	16
P. J. Phumb	19
O. N. Gibson	16
Sam Platt	13
John Kennedy	16
K. B. Davis	14
H. G. Lato	20
S. M. Bell	14
A. E. Jones	9
Louis Morris	12
D. G. J. Nowell	9
Arch Borwin	15
L. B. Lock	2
John Bracken	3
W. G. Madison	6
Al Brown	5
H. Phillips	3
John Todd	10
L. Maas	3
J. Meredith	4
Drake Bell	1
— Montgomery	1

b. b. Palmer.
Dick Reeves.
W. B. Allen
Chas. Love.

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Policeman, elected

The Mayor then declared the following named persons duly elected policemen of the City of Austin for the ensuing term: Neil McGashin, John Chemerille, D. J. Campbell, J. D. Platt, E. B. Tolwell, P. J. Plumb, O. N. Gibson, Sam Platt, John E. Kennedy, W. B. Davis, H. A. bats, J. M. Bell, Louis Morris, A. T. Bonvie, C. C. Palmer. - 15.

Pound Master

Alderman Linn moved that the Council do now proceed to the election of Pound Master. The motion prevailed and Alderman Ketchum nominated D. A. J. Howell and Alderman Linn nominated R. D. Bell. Nominations were then declared closed and ballots were cast and canvassed and the tellers reported the result thereof as follows:

R. D. Bell received 13 votes.

D. A. J. Howell received 8 votes.

The Mayor then declared R. D. Bell duly elected Pound Master of the City of Austin for the ensuing term.

Stand. Business.

By Alderman Morris: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seven and 83/100 Dollars for the purpose of paying Bernard Corrigan estimate to 1st. of work done and materials furnished during the month of December, 1891, for the Dam now being constructed for the City of Austin under contract dated November 7, 1890. The same was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas— Alderman Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Nitzeck, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Shelly, Sutton, Townsend, Warmath, Maynard
Nayler. — 21

Alderman Schneider was excused.

By Alderman Ketchum: A resolution directing the printing committee to advertise for bids for doing the city's newspaper and job printing from January 18th to December 1st, 1892.

Alderman North moved to amend the same with reference to newspaper printing so as to include the inviting of bids for printing a synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council.

Printing Committee
to advertise for bids

The amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was adopted.

By Alderman Duton: An Ordinance granting to the Western Union Telegraph Company the right to place and maintain its poles and lines in the streets, alleys and public ways of the City of Austin State of Texas, on the terms and conditions herein stated.

The same was read and referred to the committee on ordinances.

By Alderman Liim: An Ordinance fixing the salaries and compensation of the officers and employees of the city of Austin for the term of two years commencing on the first day of January 1892.

It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole council.

It was then read a second time, after which Alderman Morris moved to amend sub-division 13. B., of section one, by striking out "600," and inserting in lieu thereof "\$720.00," as the salary of the night police clerk.

Carried.

Alderman Graham moved to amend section one by adding thereto sub-division 25. to read as follows: The sergeant of police shall receive an annual salary of \$876.00.

Alderman Liim moved as a substitute that the salary of the sergeant of police shall be \$1080.00, per annum.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote.
Yea - Alderman Anderson, Asman, Bass, Dunn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Schulte, Platt, Schubert, Shelley, Townsend, Zillert - 13.
Nays - Alderman Graham, Hume, Ketchum, North, Duton, Hammatt, Heyman - 7.

Alderman Morris moved to amend sub-division 12. of Section one, by striking out "\$1000.00," and inserting in lieu thereof \$1200.00, as the annual salary of the assistant assessor and collector of taxes.

The amendment prevailed.

Alderman Hume was excused from further attendance upon the session.

Alderman Morris moved to amend section one by adding thereto as sub-division 26. the following: That G. H. Rumey be and he is hereby appointed special policeman to police and supervise the bridge across the Colorado River at the foot of Congress Avenue, on a salary of sixty

Western Union Tel Co.

Dining Salaries

Amend Sub-div 13. B.

Night Police Clerk
Salary \$720.00

Sergeant of Police
Salary \$1080.00

Assistant Assessor
Salary \$1200.

G. H. Rumey,
late, ex. police.

dollars per month from the first of December last, and to continue at the pleasure of the Council. The amendment was adopted.

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, and that it do pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yea.— Alderman Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Pitschke, North, Platt, Schubel, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmath, Weyermann, Ziller.— 19.

Approved accounts By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7965.31 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It. was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yea— Alderman Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Pitschke, North, Platt, Schubel, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmath, Weyermann, Ziller— 19.

Protection House #3

By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Eleven Hundreds and Sixty-Two Dollars for the purpose of paying for material furnished and labor performed in the completion of the house occupied by Protection House No 3 situated on Larosa street. It. was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Yea— Alderman Desmann, Glass, Graham, Linn, Miller, Pitschke, North, Platt, Schubel, Shelley, Townsend, Warmath, Weyermann.— 13

Nays— Alderman Anderson, Ketchum, Morris, Newton, Sutor, Ziller— 6.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Witten Morris,
City Clerk.

Adjourned.